

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, '92.

European Unrest.

Although war is evidently postponed in Europe in the uncertainty of the nations as to where it will end, there is none the less general unrest and disquiet. The causes are partly economic—the poverty of the masses, the demand for larger wages coupled with increased expenditures, and the withdrawal of capital from the continent, and partly the desire of the people for greater comfort, and the belief that it can in some way be secured through social change. The uneasiness is not acute, in some countries scarcely audible, but except in Austria, it exists everywhere, and though it does not foreshadow insurrection, nor well-nigh impossible, it has a depressing effect on governments, and makes the people pessimist and unhelpful. In France the government still fears the Radicals, and to conciliate them attacks the Church; fears the Anarchists, lest the people may demand a military government for protection, and fears the labor party because it parades, and so gives opportunity for riot. The fears are largely imaginary, for the Moderates are strong enough to deal with the Radicals, the Anarchists who will face death to gain their ends are few in number, and the labor party few. Nothing that seriously menaces the safety of society, but the governing classes are unable to overcome their belief that the Commune is still possible. In Italy the trouble is of another sort, expenditures always exceeding receipts, with no chance of retrenchment visible, in the opposition of the official class to the diminution of offices, and the impossibility of reducing the army. As taxation has reached its utmost limit, reduction is at last to be tried; but it is feared that the effort will be perfunctory, and even if not, that a long time must elapse before the finances of the kingdom are placed upon a substantial footing. In Russia foreign policy has for a dozen years been largely a failure, the enormous military preparations have produced no useful result, while the empire has received two serious blows, one in the anti-Jewish agitation, the other in the famine. The first has aroused against Russia the hatred of the Jewish financiers and newspaper owners of Europe, while the latter has cost the treasury one hundred millions of money, and promises to cost fully as much more before it ends. The fall in silver, upon which the rouble is based, has impoverished the treasury still more, the military class expects no glory from the present war, and the people are despondent, believing that agriculture is declining, and the conditions of life steadily becoming harder. In Germany the outlook is better, though there is deep uneasiness over the uncertain course of the emperor, as there is over the failure to form a stable majority in Parliament, particularly among those who had hoped to see parliamentary government fully developed in Germany. The greatest apprehension, however, exists over the spread of Socialism, not perhaps because of its non-acceptance of existing institutions, but because it is a discontent born of poverty and a poverty that apparently cannot be remedied. The Germans, who have eaten rye for centuries, have of late years discovered that rye eating is a sign of inferiority, but partly owing to a niggardly soil and partly to bad legislation, a large portion of the people are forced to make bread of rye. Only in Austria is there any exception to the general unrest, a country which for years has been popularly supposed to be tottering to its fall, and yet which is perhaps more strongly cemented together than any other in Europe. The authority of the emperor as the general referee of the diverse races which make up the Dual empire is stronger than ever before, the army in better preparedness for action, the treasury overflowing, and the integrity of the empire assured by membership in the Triple Alliance. While other governments are troubled and anxious, Austria is secure in the shadow of the League and the inability of its jarring races to stand alone, a security which may give speedily to disquiet, but which gives proof of the sagacity of a sovereign who has always wrung success from defeat, as well as of the inherent vitality of the empire.—N. Y. Observer.

Bitten by a Mule.

Excitement ran high on the street, near the residence of Mr. C. L. Reid, last Saturday morning about eleven o'clock. The exciting cause was a mule suffering from hydrophobia, as supposed. John Simpson, a negro boy about seventeen years old, was leading the mule, when suddenly it made a lunge, caught the negro by the right arm just above the elbow, and crushed it between his teeth. It would toss him in the air and then hurl him on the ground, paw him with his fore feet, holding him securely in his teeth all the time. The boy howled piteously, for help, and after about ten minutes he was rescued by shooting the mule. When released it was discovered that his arm was fearfully lacerated, but fortunately the bone was not broken and after consultation by Drs. Bramlett, Darby and Williams, it was thought the arm could be saved. He is doing as well as could be expected and it is thought that he will recover. The mule belonged to Mr. John D. Verner and was killed—Keweenaw Courier.

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A Flag Incident.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 10.—A special to the Baltimore Sun from Charleston, W. Va., says: At the Confederate memorial services to-day, a battle-scarred Confederate flag was run up underneath a United States flag which spanned Main street near the court house. Some citizens including Union veterans soldiers, said that it should come down. The Confederate veterans said that it should remain, and warned those who wished the flag removed not to touch it; to let it alone. The counsel of cooler heads of both bands prevailed and the flag was allowed to remain until late in the afternoon, when it was removed. The exercises of the day were held in the cemetery.

Political Consistency.

The Columbia Register, and the other few Tillman organs are making a to-do over the fact that Col. Orr voted for Judge Willard in 1877, whose decision took the United States troops out of our State. We are all of us familiar with the necessities of that period, when, to rescue our State government from the party of good stealing, it was necessary to make certain bargains. But how can the organs, such as the Register and Abbeville Medium, explain the course of prominent Tillman politicians, who today occupy pedestals, in the Democratic party, but prior to 1876 affiliated with this same party of good stealing. We particularly desire to hear from the Register and Medium on this point.

"Many Worse Girls."

Professor Chapman, professor of rhetoric at Bowdoin college, was the bright particular star in the alumni dinner the other night. He boomed the little institution "away down in Maine" in a manner that delighted the boys. "Bowdoin may have some failings," he said, "but I've known many a worse alma mater than she. In this respect I feel like the little daughter of a friend of mine in Portland. She had just mastered the art of expressing herself in intelligent sentences. One day she had done something for which her mamma had to reproach her. The lady gave her daughter a sound lecture, and then told her to go up stairs, alone in her room, and ask God to forgive her for her error. "In a few minutes she was surprised to see the baby come down stairs again, appear in the sitting-room, and stand back with a great deal of seriousness. "Well, did you go up and do what I told you?" asked the fond mother. "Yes," replied the guilty one, "and God said: 'Great Scott, Elsie Murray, I've known a great many worse girls than you.'"—Boston Herald.

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